
MASSACHUSETTS AREAS OF CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN

November 2010

Total Approximate Acreage: 268,000 acres

Approximate acreage and designation date follow ACEC names below.

Bourne Back River

(1,850 acres, 1989) Bourne

Canoe River Aquifer and Associated Areas (17,200 acres, 1991) Easton, Foxborough, Mansfield, Norton, Sharon, and Taunton

Cedar Swamp

(1,650 acres, 1975) Hopkinton and Westborough

Central Nashua River Valley

(12,900 acres, 1996) Bolton, Harvard, Lancaster, and Leominster

Cranberry Brook Watershed

(1,050 acres, 1983) Braintree and Holbrook

Ellisville Harbor

(600 acres, 1980) Plymouth

Fowl Meadow and Ponkapoag Bog

(8,350 acres, 1992) Boston, Canton, Dedham, Milton, Norwood, Randolph, Sharon, and Westwood

Golden Hills

(500 acres, 1987) Melrose, Saugus, and Wakefield

**Great Marsh (originally designated as
Parker River/Essex Bay)**

(25,500 acres, 1979) Essex, Gloucester, Ipswich, Newbury, and Rowley

Herring River Watershed

(4,450 acres, 1991) Bourne and Plymouth

Hinsdale Flats Watershed

(14,500 acres, 1992) Dalton, Hinsdale, Peru, and Washington

Hockomock Swamp

(16,950 acres, 1990) Bridgewater, Easton, Norton, Raynham, Taunton, and West Bridgewater

Inner Cape Cod Bay

(2,600 acres, 1985) Brewster, Eastham, and Orleans

Kampoosa Bog Drainage Basin

(1,350 acres, 1995) Lee and Stockbridge

Karner Brook Watershed

(7,000 acres, 1992) Egremont and Mount Washington

Miscoe, Warren, and Whitehall Watersheds

(8,700 acres, 2000) Grafton, Hopkinton, and Upton

Neponset River Estuary

(1,300 acres, 1995) Boston, Milton, and Quincy

Petapawag

(25,680 acres, 2002) Ayer, Dunstable, Groton, Pepperell, and Tyngsborough

Pleasant Bay

(9,240 acres, 1987) Brewster, Chatham, Harwich, and Orleans

Pocasset River

(160 acres, 1980) Bourne

Rumney Marshes

(2,800 acres, 1988) Boston, Lynn, Revere, Saugus, and Winthrop

Sandy Neck Barrier Beach System

(9,130 acres, 1978) Barnstable and Sandwich

Schenob Brook Drainage Basin

(13,750 acres, 1990) Mount Washington and Sheffield

Squannassit

(37,420 acres, 2002) Ashby, Ayer, Groton, Harvard, Lancaster, Lunenburg, Pepperell, Shirley, and Townsend

Three Mile River Watershed

(14,280 acres, 2008) Dighton, Norton, Taunton

Upper Housatonic River

(12,280 acres, 2009) Lee, Lenox, Pittsfield, Washington

Waquoit Bay

(2,580 acres, 1979) Falmouth and Mashpee

Weir River

(950 acres, 1986) Cohasset, Hingham, and Hull

Wellfleet Harbor

(12,480 acres, 1989) Eastham, Truro, and Wellfleet

Weymouth Back River

(800 acres, 1982) Hingham and Weymouth

Towns with ACECs within their Boundaries**November 2010**

TOWN	ACEC	TOWN	ACEC
Ashby	Squannassit	Mt. Washington	Karner Brook Watershed
Ayer	Petapawag		Schenob Brook
	Squannassit	Newbury	Great Marsh
Barnstable	Sandy Neck Barrier Beach System	Norton	Hockomock Swamp
Bolton	Central Nashua River Valley		Canoe River Aquifer
Boston	Rumney Marshes		Three Mile River Watershed
	Fowl Meadow and Ponkapoag Bog	Norwood	Fowl Meadow and Ponkapoag Bog
	Neponset River Estuary	Orleans	Inner Cape Cod Bay
Bourne	Pocasset River		Pleasant Bay
	Bourne Back River	Pepperell	Petapawag
	Herring River Watershed		Squannassit
Braintree	Cranberry Brook Watershed	Peru	Hinsdale Flats Watershed
Brewster	Pleasant Bay	Pittsfield	Upper Housatonic River
	Inner Cape Cod Bay	Plymouth	Herring River Watershed
Bridgewater	Hockomock Swamp		Ellisville Harbor
Canton	Fowl Meadow and Ponkapoag Bog	Quincy	Neponset River Estuary
Chatham	Pleasant Bay	Randolph	Fowl Meadow and Ponkapoag Bog
Cohasset	Weir River	Raynham	Hockomock Swamp
Dalton	Hinsdale Flats Watershed	Revere	Rumney Marshes
Dedham	Fowl Meadow and Ponkapoag Bog	Rowley	Great Marsh
Dighton	Three Mile River Watershed	Sandwich	Sandy Neck Barrier Beach System
Dunstable	Petapawag	Saugus	Rumney Marshes
Eastham	Inner Cape Cod Bay		Golden Hills
	Wellfleet Harbor	Sharon	Canoe River Aquifer
Easton	Canoe River Aquifer		Fowl Meadow and Ponkapoag Bog
	Hockomock Swamp	Sheffield	Schenob Brook
Egremont	Karner Brook Watershed	Shirley	Squannassit
Essex	Great Marsh	Stockbridge	Kampoosa Bog Drainage Basin
Falmouth	Waquoit Bay	Taunton	Hockomock Swamp
Foxborough	Canoe River Aquifer		Canoe River Aquifer
Gloucester	Great Marsh		Three Mile River Watershed
Grafton	Miscoe-Warren-Whitehall Watersheds	Truro	Wellfleet Harbor
		Townsend	Squannassit
Groton	Petapawag	Tyngsborough	Petapawag
	Squannassit	Upton	Miscoe-Warren-Whitehall Watersheds
Harvard	Central Nashua River Valley		
	Squannassit	Wakefield	Golden Hills
Harwich	Pleasant Bay	Washington	Hinsdale Flats Watershed
Hingham	Weir River		Upper Housatonic River
	Weymouth Back River	Wellfleet	Wellfleet Harbor
Hinsdale	Hinsdale Flats Watershed	W Bridgewater	Hockomock Swamp
Holbrook	Cranberry Brook Watershed	Westborough	Cedar Swamp
Hopkinton	Miscoe-Warren-Whitehall Watersheds	Westwood	Fowl Meadow and Ponkapoag Bog
		Weymouth	Weymouth Back River
	Cedar Swamp	Winthrop	Rumney Marshes
Hull	Weir River		
Ipswich	Great Marsh		
Lancaster	Central Nashua River Valley		
	Squannassit		
Lee	Kampoosa Bog Drainage Basin		
	Upper Housatonic River		
Lenox	Upper Housatonic River		
Leominster	Central Nashua River Valley		
Lunenburg	Squannassit		
Lynn	Rumney Marshes		
Mansfield	Canoe River Aquifer		
Mashpee	Waquoit Bay		
Melrose	Golden Hills		
Milton	Fowl Meadow and Ponkapoag Bog		
	Neponset River Estuary		